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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, ENRG, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: GOI PLANS FOR PRODUCTION FROM "ALMA" FIELD

REF: TEL AVIV 2500

1. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM GOE ABOUT DEMARCHE WE HAVE MADE TO GOI RE PLANS FOR PRODUCTION FROM "ALMA" FIELD (REFTEL). SHOULD YOU DO SO, PLEASE MAKE CLEAR THAT WE TOOK THIS INITIATIVE IN RESPONSE TO RECENT INDIRECT GOI PROBING ABOUT USG POSITION ON THE MATTER (I.E. THROUGH NEPTUNE AND MONCRIEF OFFICIALS). PRIOR TO THIS, AMOCO HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN TO US ABOUT GOI PLANS FOR PRODUCTION FROM "ALMA" FIELD, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE USG APPROACH THE GOI ON THE MATTER.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE NOT TRYING TO  
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PREEMPT GOE ACTION ON THIS MATTER. USG WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PLEASED SHOULD GOE FREELY DECIDE TO ENTER AGREEMENT WITH GOI WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO AMERICAN FIRMS ACTIVE ON BOTH SIDES, BEARING IN MIND RIGHTS AMOCO HAS ACQUIRED FROM GOE. WE HAVE SO INFORMED GOI.

3. IF ASKED, YOU MAY INFORM GOE THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED

GOI REACTION TO OUR DEMARCHE. VANCE

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